

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MARCH 23, 2020  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2020-0067  
3503 E. 17TH STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca.1965 church building, converted to a single-family residence in 2005.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story rectangular-plan church building with gabled roof clad in composite shingles, with a gabled covered entryway supported by simple columns and a hip-roofed cupola that once featured a steeple. The building is constructed with CMU and has vertical wood accent cladding at its main façade. Sliding aluminum picture windows at secondary façades are interspersed with smaller fixed-pane and glass block windows. The metal door is flanked by three-paned sidelights.

**RESEARCH**

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The building at 3503 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street was constructed in 1964-65 as a meeting and worship space for the Free Church of God and Christ in Jesus Name, a small Pentecostal congregation. Led by Bishop E. Evans of Dallas, the Austin congregation began meeting in 1962, with members periodically meeting at their homes, though the Free Church of God was officially chartered here in 1930. Elder T. Cleveland served as pastor. By 1973, the church had changed its name to True Pentecost Church of the Lord Jesus. In 2005, the Pentecostal Church sold the building, which was then converted to a single-family residence.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). The property may demonstrate significance according to City Code:
  - a) *Architecture*. The building does not appear to convey architectural significance.
  - b) *Historical association*. The building is associated with the Free Church of God in Christ in Jesus' Name.
  - c) *Archaeology*. The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d) *Community value*. The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
  - e) *Landscape feature*. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2020-0067

LOCATION: 3503 E 17TH STREET



1" = 333'

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

### Photos



*Source: zillow.com, accessed 2020*

### Occupancy History

City Directory Research, Austin History Center, March 2020

1992	True Pentecost Church of the Lord Jesus
1985-86	True Pentecost Church of the Lord Jesus
1981	True Pentecost Church of the Lord Jesus
1977	True Pentecost Church of the Lord Jesus
1973	True Pentecost Church of the Lord Jesus
1968	Free Church of God
1965	Pentecostal Church

*Biographical Information*



**CHURCH GROUNDBREAKING**—Mayor Lester Palmer, left, and Elder T. Cleveland, break the ground for a new sanctuary for the Free Church of God and Christ in Jesus Name at 3503 East 17th Street. The church, organized here about a year and a half ago, has been meeting at homes of members. Some members also have been driving for services to the nearest churches at

Temple, Marlin and Taylor. Headquarters for the church are in Dallas with Bishop E. Evans as the senior bishop. Besides the mayor and members of the congregation at the groundbreaking, invited guests included Mr. and Mrs. Louis N. Goldberg, right. Goldberg is publisher of the Austin American-Statesman.

*The Austin Statesman; Nov 2, 1964*



**New Church Sanctuary**

Four officials of the Free Church of God in Christ in Jesus Name stand in the pulpit of their new sanctuary as they prepare for Sunday dedication services. Left to right are Elder T. Cleveland, Elder D. Sessions, Bishop E. Evans and Brother Fred

Cleveland. The new sanctuary at 3503 East 17th Street will be dedicated Sunday with ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m. Elder Cleveland, pastor of the church, said Bishop Evans will deliver the main address at 1 p.m.

*The Austin American; May 23, 1965 and May 22, 1966*

**New Church Here Noting Anniversary**

Special services of thanksgiving for the first anniversary of its new church building at 3503 East 17th Street will be held Sunday by the congregation of the **Free Church of God in Christ in Jesus Name, Inc.**

Elder T. Cleveland, pastor, said the services will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. No morning service will be held, he said.

During the past year, 28 persons have been baptized and currently there are 35 members in the congregation.

The **Free Church of God in Christ in Jesus Name** was established in Taylor on April 12, 1927, and chartered in Austin Jan. 12, 1930.

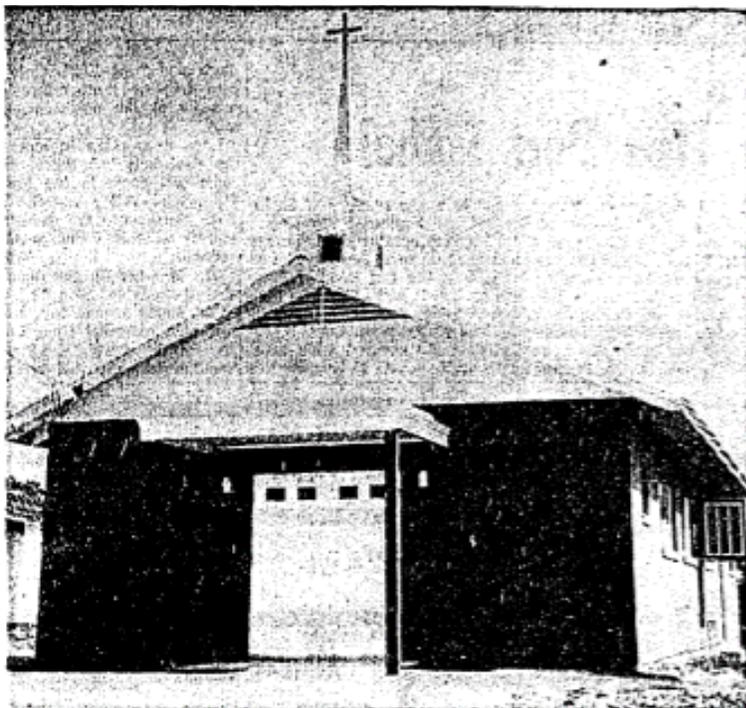
## Dedication Set Sunday

Austin's newest church building — the sanctuary of the Free Church of God in Christ in Jesus Name at 3503 East 17th Street — will be dedicated to divine worship in a formal ceremony Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. Elder T. Cleveland, pastor,

announced that the dedicatory speaker will be Senior Bishop E. Evans of Dallas. Other speakers from Austin and other cities will appear for the ceremony.

Following the dedication Sunday, Sabbath services and school will be held each Saturday. The dedication service Sunday will be preceded with a regular worship service Saturday, May 22.

The construction of the church was started Nov. 18, 1964 and completed April 22 under the supervision of the pastor. The congregation presently lists 20 members, but the new sanctuary will accommodate 100 persons. The building is of exterior concrete block construction with frame trim and aluminum windows. The interior is of mahogany paneling. A steeple with cross surmounts the front of the building.



This new church building at 3503 East 17th Street located in East Austin will be formally dedicated to divine worship Sunday at 10 a.m., Elder T. Cleveland, pastor, has announced. The church was built by the congregation of the Free Church

of God in Christ in Jesus Name under the pastor's supervision and was completed April 22. The building is concrete block construction with frame trim and is surmounted with a steeple and cross.



Mayor Lester Palmer is shown breaking ground for the new sanctuary of the Free Church of God in Christ in Jesus Name at 3503 East 17th Street at start of construction Nov. 18, 1964. With him is the pastor Elder T. Cleveland. The recently completed church will be dedicated Sunday at 10 a.m.

*The Austin Statesman: May 20, 1965*

Building Permits

OWNER T. Cleveland ADDRESS 3503 East 17 Street  
 PLAT 334 ~~334~~ LOT 1 BLK \_\_\_\_\_  
 SUBDIVISION Dolly Smith #1  
 OCCUPANCY Church  
 BLD PERMIT # 93819 DATE Oct 23, 64 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$6500.  
 CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES 5  
 WATER TAP REC # paid on lot SEWER TAP REC # paid on lot  
 Masonary Corm bldg/ 3 off street paved parking provided

Building permit, 10-23-64  
 50' x 125' beginning 700' east of Greenwood Ave. EC 334 E2  
**WATER SERVICE PERMIT** E N<sup>o</sup> 42487  
 Austin, Texas

Received of FREE Church of God Date 7-20-64  
 Address 3503 E. 17th St.  
 Amount Fifty \$ 50.00  
 Plumber \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection	<u>11-17-64</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6" C.I.</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7'</u>
From West Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>1'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>F.C.</u>
Type of Box	<u>ROUND</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>3'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>2'</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>1'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>Ed. 1/1/64</u>

No. Fittings	<u>2</u>
Pipe	<u>3/4" Cop</u>
Corp. Cock	<u>3/4"</u>
Cop. to Iron ell	
Cop. to Cop. ell	
Cop. to Iron Coupling	
Cop. to Cop. Coupling	<u>3/4"</u>
Angle Stop	
Stop	
Bushing	
Nipples	<u>8 X 3/4 B.R.A.S.</u>
Service Clamp	
Valve	
Meter Box	<u>ROUND</u>
Lock Lid	
Drain Tile	
Drain Tile Lid	
Stop & Drain	
Job No.	<u>3803-582</u>
Foreman	<u>John J. Webb</u>

Water tap permit, 7-20-64

**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT**  
 Austin, Texas

N<sup>o</sup> 42524

Received of FREE Church of God Date 7-20-64  
 Address 3503 E. 17th St.  
 Amount Fifty \$ 50.00  
 Builder or Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Plumber Holland

Lot 50' x 125' Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision UNPLATTED Plat No. 334  
beginning 300' east of Greenwood Ave

Date of Connection	<u>1-14-65</u>
By City	<u>I.E. of W.L.</u>
By Plumber	
Checked By	<u>SWISHER</u>
Size Main	_____
Depth	_____
Main Assign	<u>20' H.A.S.R.</u>
Stub Depth	_____
Prop. Line	<u>3'</u>
Stub Location	<u>to be C.W.L. on ELL.</u>
Book No.	<u>NEW LINE A-6744</u>
Paving Cut	<u>ok 1-8-65 G.M.</u>

No. Fittings	_____
Pipe	<u>1.5" Pipe CON 6"</u>
Wyes	_____
Bends	<u>CON 6"</u>
Reducers	_____
Plugs	_____
Sand	_____
Gravel	_____
Remix	_____
Stoppers	_____
Castings	_____
Other	_____

Labor: 3 lines 10.40  
TRUCK 1.50  
FOREMAN 2.46  
 Total 119.11

Sewer tap permit, 7-20-64